

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 8, 16, 21 and 22 are presently pending in this application, Claims 1-7, 9-15 and 17-20 having been canceled, and Claims 8, 16, 21 and 22 having been amended by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-4, 17-19 and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Glass (U.S. Patent 6,010,964); Claims 5-7, 9-15, 20 and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Glass; and Claims 1-7, 9-15, 17-20 and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicants' Admitted Prior Art (AAPA) in view of Glass. However, Claims 8, 16 and 21 were indicated as including allowable subject matter.

First, Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication that Claims 8, 16 and 21 include allowable subject matter. Accordingly, Claims 8 and 21 have been rewritten in independent form, Claim 16 has been amended solely for clarification, and Claim 22 has been amended to depend from Claim 21 and for clarification. Also, Claims 8 and 21 have been further amended based on the allowable subject matter indicated by the Examiner in the outstanding Office Action. Thus, Claims 8 and 21 are believed to be allowable.

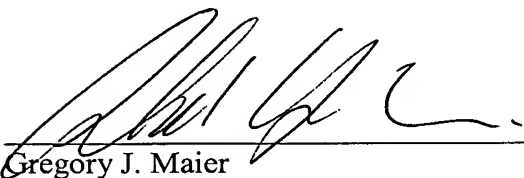
Furthermore, Applicants respectfully request that Claims 1-7, 9-15 and 17-20 be canceled without prejudice.

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In light of the prior indication of allowable subject matter and in view of the amendment presented above, no further issues are believed to be outstanding, and the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Therefore, an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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